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The US, UK, and France have been partners for well over a century and are all committed members of NATO. Our navies share the same global reach and full-range capability from nuclear submarines to power projection. We believe that freedom of navigation and a rules based international order are fundamental to peace and prosperity. We also share many national security challenges, including the threats posed by violent extremism and the increasing competition from conventional State actors. More than ever, these threats manifest in the maritime domain. Given these common values, capabilities, and challenges it makes sense for our navies to strengthen our co-operation.

Today, we have agreed upon a course consistent with our shared national interests, which offers options for deeper co-operation and interoperability to our commanders in both operations and exercises.

We believe this increased trilateral co-operation will help secure a future that is not only in the interests of our three nations, but in the common interests of our allies, partners, and all like-minded nations who are committed to peace, prosperity, and maritime security.

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